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Dear Friends,

Can you believe that it's February? In the month of February, the world celebrates love with flowers and big red heart-shaped candy boxes. But we know there is nothing greater than God's love for us in Jesus. Amen!

February is probably the best month to frequently check the Internet for information on a variety of motorcycle events and activities where you might find that "fancy piece of chrome" that you've been searching for. More importantly you can go and share the love of Jesus with a smile, a kind word or a listening ear and be a blessing!

February, "The month of Love." That's the way the world seems to celebrate it. It has become so commercialized. I have heard people say that they feel love makes them do things differently than if they were not in love.

I really find that to be an interesting point of view. Let me ask you. Did you ever wonder why you do what you do? Let's look at one of the most basic things. How about we look at your profession or job first. Do you love your job? If you're just working so you can survive, are you wasting your time, or for that matter, your life? Is there more to life than working just to live?

I can hear you now asking yourself where is Bob going with this month's newsletter?

I'm not going to talk about Valentine's Day, flowers or big red heart shaped boxes filled with luscious candy.

I believe the highest motivation for any kind of work is love. When you do anything in love, it pleases God. You can run through checklists all day and please God. You can pick up garbage and please God. You can look at a computer screen and please God. You can clean rooms in an assisted living facility like where Kathy and I live to please God. How? By doing it in love. You can do anything in love.

*Sometimes you do the right thing but for the wrong reason. I am not so sure God will give you any credit for that. In fact, I believe your significance has nothing to do with your job, your career, or your achievements. I think God is more interested in **why you do what you do** than he is in **what you do**. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 16:14, "**Do all your work in love**" (GNT).*

*Love is what keeps you going when you feel like giving up. The Bible also says in 1 Thessalonians 1:3, "**We remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard**" (GNT). Love is the ultimate reason.*

It's great to love and to know Jesus in your head. But it is greater still to know Jesus in your heart.

You may have to deal with all kinds of people at work, in life and including people in our motorcycle community who are dishonest, disagreeable, defensive, and demeaning. You will probably have to work with somebody you don't like. But God wants you to grow in love. So, if you're going to grow up spiritually, it means you're going to have to learn to love all those people.

*How do you do that? The Bible also tells you that in Romans 12:16-18, **“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone”** (NIV).*

Try to love everyone, especially the difficult people you are associated with: Work happily together, treat everyone with kindness, do everything in love.

You are shining light in the darkness. God is using you to reconcile this world to Himself. Just let that sink in.

*The Bible tells you that in John 12:46, Jesus said the following: **“I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.”***

I want you to know that God has goals for your life. He wants to see you grow in love and joy. He wants to use you to make a difference in the lives of the people in our motorcycle community.

Let's ride through life together in love, hope and patience, entrusting ourselves to God, and always being faithful in prayer. I truly feel that someone is searching for a season of love and that love may be in your heart.

I just can't wait to see what God does through all of us in 2023!

May God smile upon your life so that the smile in your life reflects God's presence in it.

Until next time, love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.

*God bless.
Riding with Jesus,
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God bless America

Please watch for my emails, prayer requests and updates.

***Jesus said, “Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God’s good news to one and all.”
Mark 16:15 (The Message)***